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Examiner's Amendment

IN THE CLAIMS

In currently amended claim 20, line 21, "if" has been replaced by - -is- -.

Allowable Subject Matter

Remaining claims 14 -20 are allowed. The prior art of record fail to fairly disclose the provision of control variables for guiding a motor vehicle comprising, among other limitations, forming a single evaluation quantity from a plurality of input quantities that represent a traffic situation; determining a plurality of dynamically changeable parameters based on the single evaluation quantity; providing control variables for guiding the vehicle as a function of the plurality of input quantities that represent the situation and as a function of the dynamically changeable parameters; forming an object specific evaluation quantity for each of a plurality of located objects on the basis of location data for the corresponding object and selecting an object having the greatest object-specific evaluation quantity as the target object.

Conclusion

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